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Dr. Robert Speirs

Dr. Robert Speirs was Headmaster of Selwyn House School from 1945-1971. During this time the School moved from Redpath Street to its present location. Also, Grades 10 and 11 were added so that a boy could stay at the School for his complete elementary and secondary education. Dr. Speirs was a wonderful person who touched all those around him. He impressed upon the boys the value and pleasure of warmth in human relations. Dr. Speirs will be remembered as one of the great Headmasters of Selwyn House.

The Speirs Medal

The Speirs Medal is presented each year at Founder's Day to the person whom the Board of Directors of the School feel has made a significant contribution to the Selwyn House Community over the years.

Programme

Welcome to members of the Selwyn House Community

Mr. William Mitchell
The Headmaster

Presentation of the Speirs Medal

by
Mr. Thomas Birks
Chairman of the Board of Directors
to

Colonel John G. Bourne '32

Official Launching of Annual Giving 1991

Dr. Gaston Schwarz
Chairman, Annual Giving

Colonel John G. Bourne
CVO, ED, CD,

John Bourne '32 first came to Selwyn House in 1924 where he completed his first eight years of schooling. He returned in 1958 to join the Board before becoming Chairman of the Board in 1960, a post he held for four years.

As Chairman, John was the guiding force behind the move from Redpath Street to Westmount. He had the vision and determination to see the idea become a reality. His energy and organizational abilities ensured that all went smoothly. Nothing escaped him. He was a team captain whom all were proud to serve.

John spent the war years in Britain as a member of the Black Watch of Canada. He joined the Special Services Force in 1942 attaining the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. In 1968 he was appointed Colonel of his Regiment; in 1973 he became Honorary Colonel which appointment he held until 1987.

Following the war he joined the Atlas Construction Company of which he became President in 1968 and Chairman of the Board in 1973. He retired in 1981.

He has been very active with the The Duke of Edinburgh's Award in Canada having served on the National Council for seventeen years. He also was responsible for organizing the Award Programme in Quebec where over 6,000 young Quebecers are participating.

John and his wife, Joan, live in Westmount and are the parents of Tom '65 and Elspeth.

His continued interest in and enthusiastic support of the School are always much in evidence.

Portraits of Speirs Medal recipients, of which the last eight were taken by Thomas Konigsthal '74, are on permanent display in the Red Room.

Mr. Colin Campbell Macaulay

Mr. Macaulay arrived in Montreal in September, 1911. He was an old friend of Captain Lucas, as they had obtained their degrees from Selwyn College at the same time. Mr. Macaulay taught at Lower Canada College for a year before taking over the Lucas School from Captain Lucas. It was the common Alma Mater of the first two Headmasters that led Mr. Macaulay to change the School's name to Selwyn House.

Mr. Macaulay retired in 1929. He returned to England where he died in 1958 at the age of 83.

In this its eighty-third year, the School has grown to its present size of 530 pupils and now occupies two buildings in Westmount.

In honour of Captain Lucas and Mr. Macaulay, and in celebration of the opening of the new building in 1986, two plaques were unveiled. The Macaulay plaque, donated by the Graduates of '86, was designated for the new building, and the Lucas plaque identifies the main building.

Captain Algernon Lucas

Captain Lucas was born in England on the 7th of November, 1879. He graduated from Selwyn College, Cambridge, in 1903, after which he came to Canada and taught at a school in Brockville.

In 1908, Captain Lucas started Lucas School with seven pupils in a small flat on Crescent Street. Within two years the School moved into a house on MacKay Street.

Captain Lucas transferred ownership of the School to Mr. Macaulay in 1912, in order to pursue a career as an insurance broker. In 1914, Captain Lucas went to England and secured a commission in the Life Guards. He was wounded in France and, whilst convalescing in Ireland, was killed by a sniper's bullet in 1916.

Recipients of the Speirs Medal

1990
Mr. Robert C. Paterson

1989
Mrs. Patricia Marsh

1988
Mr. Edward M. Ballon

1987
Mrs. C.I. Markland

1986
Mr. William Hingston Daly

1985
Mr. Edgar C. Moodey

1984
Mr. F. Gordon Phillips

1983
Mr. David M. Culver

1982
Honourable G. Miller Hyde

Selwyn House Association

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Ian Molson '72
Eric Stevenson '75

1991 - 1992
Reunions

Class
of

1942

1967

1982

Toronto Reunions
November 18, 1991 & April 6, 1992
(The Albany Club)

Montreal Reunion Weekend
April 24-27, 1992
Cocktails and Dinner
April 27, 1992